



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Ryuta Sekine, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION**

Sir:

Pursuant to the election requirement imposed in the Official Action dated October 4, 2005, Applicants elect the claims of Species A, i.e., Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-15, 17-19, 21-29, 35 and 37-40 for continued prosecution herein.

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